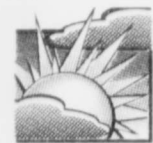


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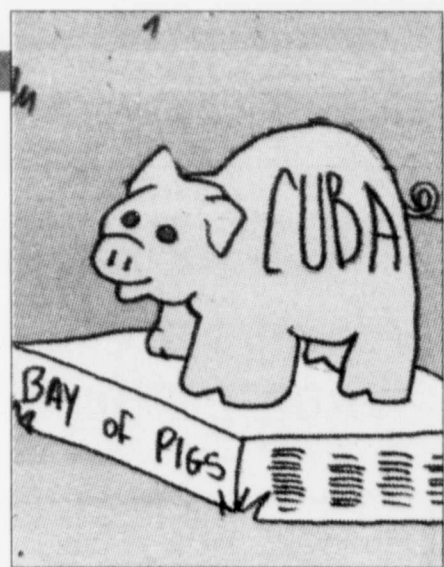
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USDA head to speak at graduation

By Jenifer Hansen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The class of 2001 can forget about tossing around the proverbial beach ball during spring commencement ceremonies — two speakers instrumental in the livelihood of Cal Poly will grace graduates with expertise and knowledge of their respective fields.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Ann Veneman will speak at the morning commencement ceremony on June 16, said Bob Anderson, Cal Poly Public

► **USDA**
Secretary Ann Veneman will speak at 9 a.m.

► **History professor** Daniel Krieger will speak at 2 p.m.

Affairs officer. Cal Poly history professor Daniel Krieger is set to speak at the afternoon commencement, Anderson said. Ken Barclay, director of Student Life and

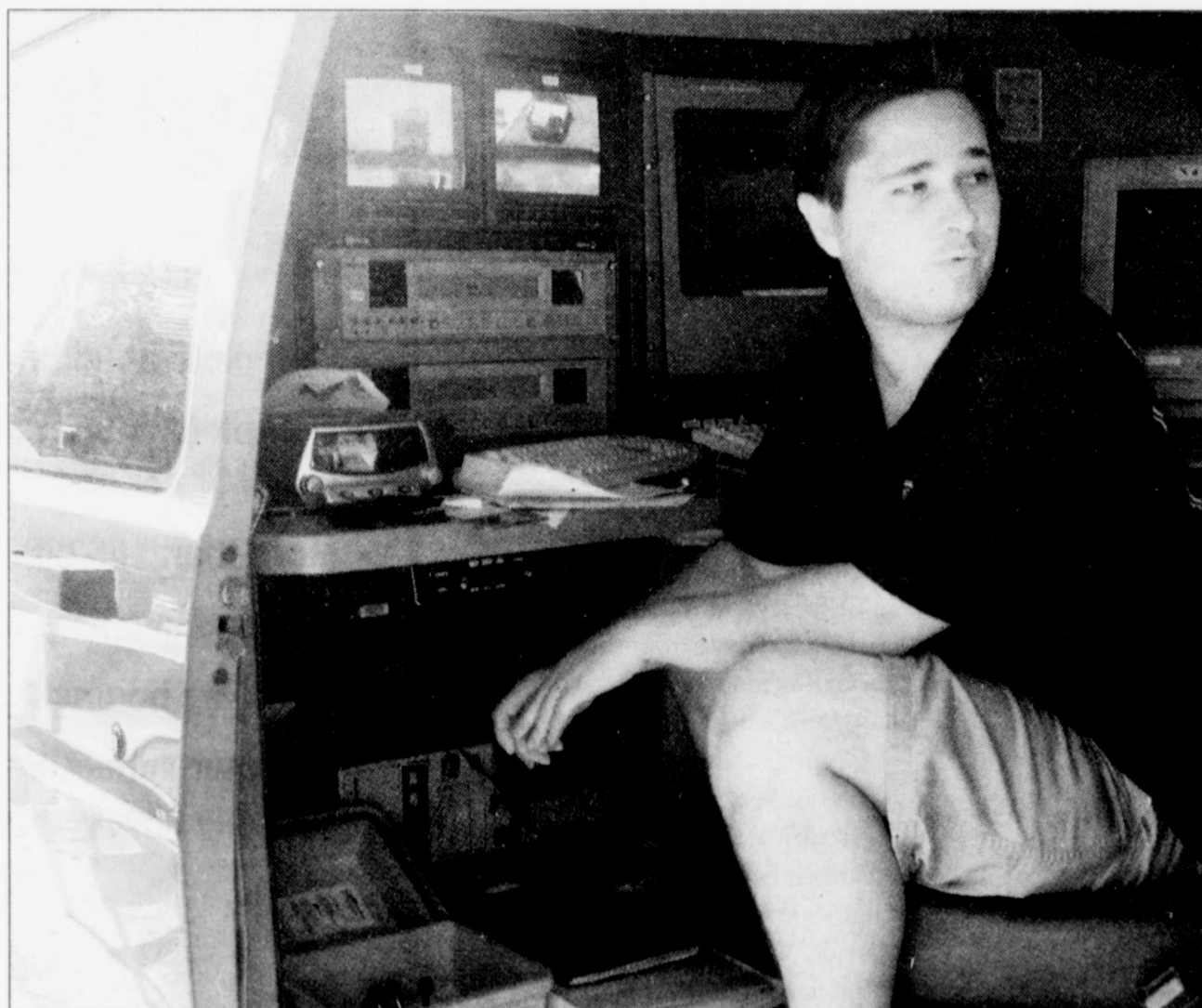
Activities and chair of the commencement committee, said the committee comprised of students and faculty chose Veneman and Krieger as commencement speakers for this year's graduation because they both have close ties with the university.

Veneman is an emeritus member of Cal Poly's President's Cabinet and a strong supporter of the College of Agriculture, said Kimberly Uytewaal, administrative assistant for President Warren Baker, in a fax. Barclay added that Veneman possesses a "great knowledge of agricultural policies and issues."

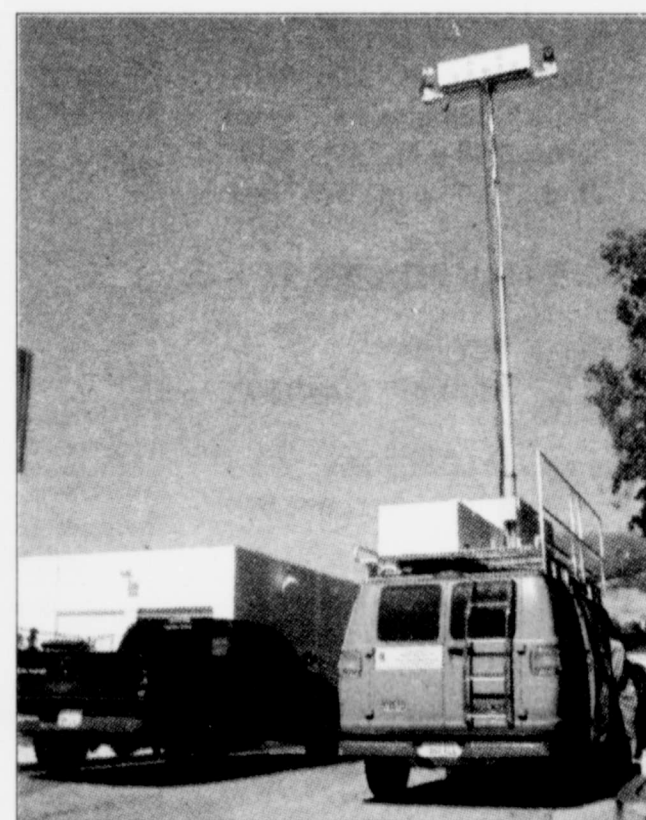
Barclay said Krieger was chosen in conjunction with his historical contributions to the Centennial Celebration.

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Eye in the sky



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Larry Granillo, computer science junior, uses the surveillance cameras in this van to read license plates for an Applied Research Development Facilities and Activities project. The project links the plate numbers with DMV records to check the emissions of cars on the corner of North Perimeter and Dexter roads.

Alcohol issue before council again

By Katriona Corey

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The alcohol ordinance that was passed by the San Luis Obispo City Council two weeks ago is on the consent agenda for today's City Council meeting at 4 p.m.

After the ordinance was approved at the May 15 meeting, the wording was published in the *The Tribune* for the public to see, and the issue is now being brought back to the agenda for a final vote, said Diane Reynolds, administrative assistant in the city clerk's office.

She said the items on the consent

agenda are voted on all at once. There is a public comment period before the council votes. At that time, anyone who wishes may speak on items from the consent agenda, which includes the ordinance.

The ordinance states that party hosts may be cited if they are holding a party where five or more minors are present and three or more are consuming alcohol.

Angie Hacker, Associated Students Inc. president-elect, said she encour-

ages students to come to the meeting. She said she has been sending e-mails and passing out fliers during University Union hour to entice students to attend and show their support.

"Our chances of getting the council to change their vote is slim..."

Angie Hacker
ASI president-elect

bad thing for the community," Hacker said.

Many Cal Poly students came to

the May 15 City Council meeting to show opposition to the ordinance only to leave disappointed. The council voted four to one for the ordinance, according to a previous Mustang Daily article.

Mayor Allen Settle, Councilwoman Jan Howell Marx and Councilmen John Ewan and Ken Schwartz all agreed it was time to give the police another tool to deal with underage drinking, according to the article. Christine Mulholland was the only council member to vote against the ordinance, arguing that there were already laws targeting the alcohol problem.

Family recognizes seven students' leadership, dedication

By Raul Vasquez

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Serving dinner at an area homeless shelter during his freshman year made Paulo Younse realize that all homeless people need is someone to hold out their hands and show them their care.

The mechanical engineering senior went on to be the director of Beyond Shelter, a Cal Poly student group that works with the homeless in San Luis Obispo. Younse was the founder of "Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week," which is now an annual event. Earlier this year, he started a new program, Computer Partners, which pairs Cal Poly students as tutors to homeless people and seniors who want to learn computer skills.

For his work, Younse was named the 2001 recipient of the University

Wide Honors award.

Younse said he believes there is potential in everyone and that it's critical to show them that they're important.

"Doing community service helps you realize what's important in life," Younse said. "As college students, sometimes you forget that."

Younse was one of seven Cal Poly students awarded the Land Family Quest for the Best Award, but his award, the University Wide Honors, is the highest level of distinction.

The awards were presented at a May 20 reception at the Albert B. Smith Alumni House. All winners received plaques and monetary awards. Younse's was equivalent to a year's tuition.

The awards recognize leaders in each of the university's six colleges and one in student government who

exemplifies the core values of excellence, stewardship, collaboration, integrity and community, according to a press release from Student Life and Leadership.

The award combined two previous university awards: the Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Land Outstanding University and Community Service Award, established in 1986 by alumnus Jeff Land and his wife, Carla, and the Quest for the Best Award, initiated last year by the office of Cal Poly's vice president for Student Affairs.

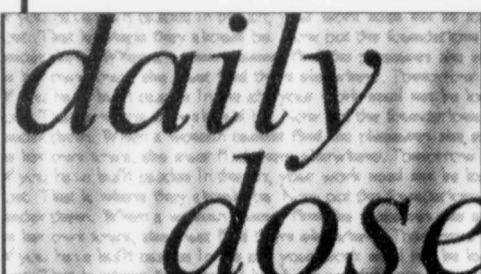
Other winners included: Kamina Rosentiel, an agricultural business senior, for the College of Agriculture; Craig Chinn, architecture senior, for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design; Melissa Varcak, business administration



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From left, Jeff, Carla, Jennifer and Jessica Land (foreground), and students winners Kamina Rosentiel, Ryan Trammell, Paulo Younse, Bubba Murarka, Lewis Smith and Melissa Varcak. Not pictured is Craig Chinn.

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**TODAY'S SUN**

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TODAY'S MOON

Rise: 8:08 p.m. / Set: 5:38 a.m.

TODAY'S TIDE

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Low: 4:46 a.m. / -0.97 feet

High: 11:20 a.m. / 3.67 feet

Low: 3:50 p.m. / 2.17 feet

High: 10:04 p.m. / 5.96 feet

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**WEDNESDAY**

High: 76° / Low: 54°

**THURSDAY**

High: 82° / Low: 55°

**FRIDAY**

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**SATURDAY**

High: 76° / Low: 51°

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senior, for the College of Business; Ryan Trammell, social sciences senior, for the College of Liberal Arts; Lewis Smith, microbiology senior, for the College of Science and Mathematics; and Neel "Bubba" Murarka, computer science graduate student, for the Associated Students Inc. Award.

Students were nominated by facul-

ty and staff as well as campus leaders. A five-member committee was organized to review the candidates and select the winner. Candidates were required to submit an essay describing their community involvement and go through an interview.

"The awards are an effort on behalf of Student Life and Leadership and the donors to recognize the excellent work they do while at Cal Poly," said Patricia Harris, assistant coordinator of leadership, education and development.

GRADUATION

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"In addition to being an outstanding faculty member, he has a tremendous knowledge of Cal Poly and the Central Coast," he said.

Krieger, who is celebrating his 30th year at Cal Poly, said he was "overawed" to be chosen as a commencement speaker at graduation. He said his speech will be about the "uniqueness of Cal Poly in view of its history." As an interpreter of history, he said students and their families should take away from the commencement Cal Poly's vision of the future in addition to understanding its past.

At the morning commencement, Veneman will be presented with an honorary doctoral degree for her agricultural service in California, Anderson said. The California State University Board of Trustees approved the request to bestow Veneman with the Doctor of Laws

(LL.D.) degree, Uyttewaal said in the fax. Anderson said Veneman will receive the honorary degree as a token of gratitude for her commitment to Cal Poly.

Veneman was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in January and sworn in as the 27th Secretary of the USDA, according to the USDA's Web site. Raised in Modesto, she earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California at Davis, a master's degree in public policy from the University of California at Berkeley and a juris doctorate degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, according to the Web site.

Commencement activities will begin at 9 a.m. for the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design, and Engineering. Afternoon ceremonies start at 2 p.m. for the colleges of Business, Liberal Arts, Science and Mathematics, and Master of Arts in Education.

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Playlist-sharing site acknowledges KCPR

By Byron Samayoa
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the advent of electronic music and mp3s, the scene for technical tunes grows every day, as does the ability for people to share them. Cal Poly's radio station, KCPR 91.3 FM, recently received an award for its contributions to this medium.

The group that honored KCPR was Uplister, a relatively new online playlist sharing community. This type of site allows people to go online and make lists of their favorite songs to show to other users. The radio station-affiliated users utilize these lists to find out what radio stations around the country are playing.

"Think of it as a giant mix tape online," said Dan McGarry, marketing associate with Uplister.

The site, which was founded in September of last year, currently counts about 100,000 daily visitors and about 150,000 downloads.

"There is a strong community aspect to it," McGarry said. "Our site is made up of people who are very passionate about music and put a lot of time and energy into the playlists that they are creating."

In recognition of the fact that

KCPR brought the second-highest number of signups to the site, Uplister decided to feature KCPR as station of the month. KCPR will be one of two stations featured in June. The station is the first to receive this distinction on the West Coast.

The lists are what make this Web site stand out from other music sites, which might feature reviews and critiques. Uplister is entirely user-run. Once the lists are posted in the site, anyone on the Web can see and download them.

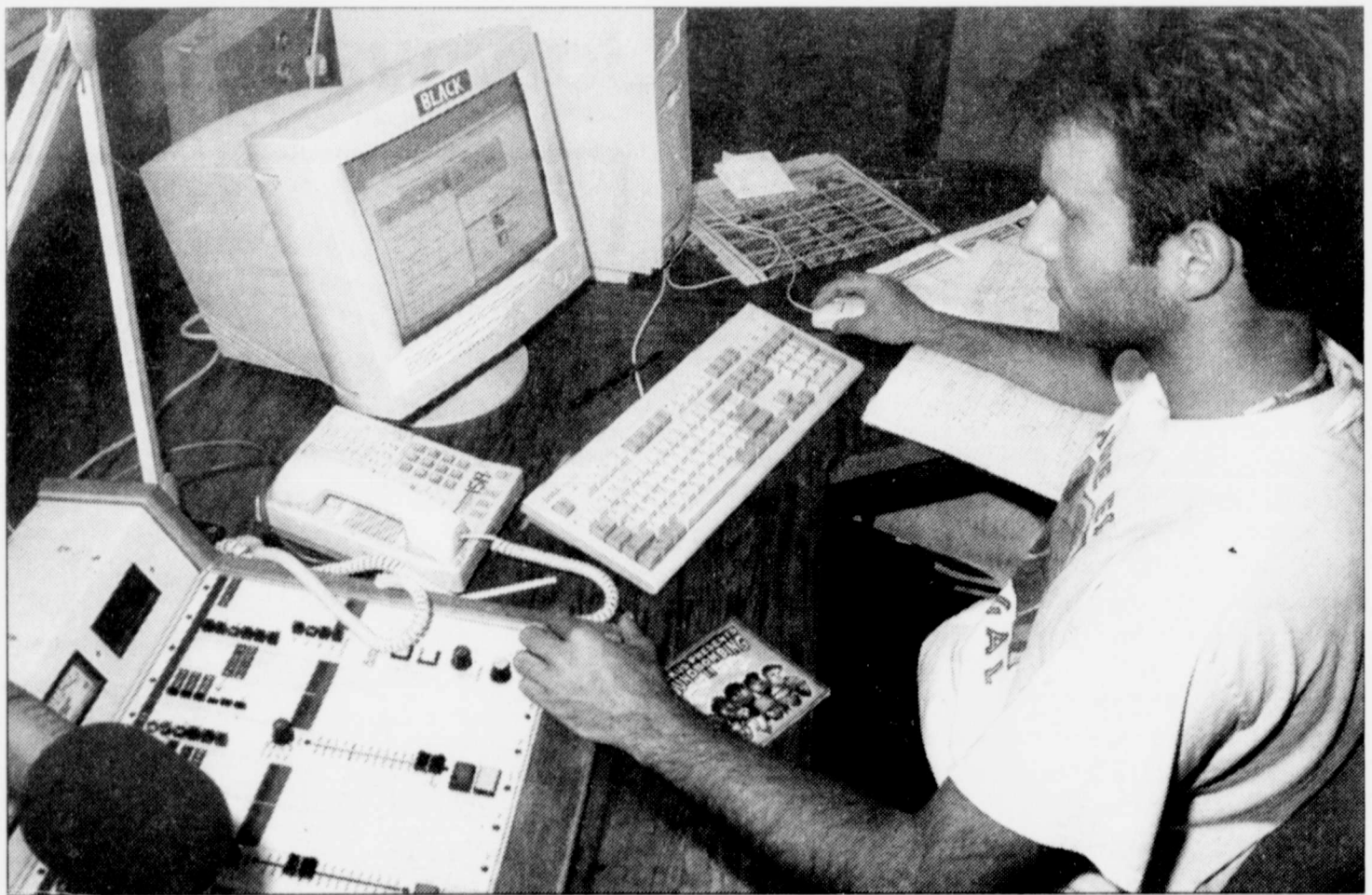
"You can use it to find a new favorite band," said Thomas Galvin, a mechanical engineering sophomore. "I can find other artists in a genre (that I already like)."

College radio disc jockeys are among the most active people using the site, McGarry said.

"Recently, there have been more DJs using the site," said Tara Crabb, a biology graduate student and one of the music directors for KCPR.

Crabb and other disc jockeys at KCPR use the site to make lists for personal and informational purposes.

"Personally, I only use it for (my show) 'Kitty Collision,'" Crabb said. "I can share the show on (Uplister)



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Mechanical engineering junior Alex Woolery works in KCPR with the Uplister Web site.

and highlight my favorite artists."

With Uplister and Crabb's posted lists, those interested in girl punk pop can just look up the lists and find out recent releases and popular artists in the genre.

Soon there will be more than just lists from individuals. Visitors to the site can expect some changes in the upcoming months.

"We want to entirely move it to be Web-based," said Lisa Rodriguez,

vice president of communications for Uplister. Rodriguez hopes that in the future, users will be able to download music straight from playlists, rather than getting it from another site.

Currently, the site offers 30-second song previews and promotional mp3s. Uplister wants to add major labels to the site and offer subscriptions to their services eventually. With the recent fights

over digital copyrights and Internet downloads, it will be interesting to see if this site succeeds in that realm. Considering the Napster ordeal, Rodriguez is optimistic.

"We have had good conversations with major and independent labels and other music providers," she said.

Students can visit Uplister at www.uplister.com.



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1-Please indicate your college:

- a. Agriculture
- b. Architecture and Environmental Design
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- g. UCTE
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- i. Non Applicable

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- c. Junior
- d. Senior
- e. Graduate
- f. Faculty or Staff
- g. Non Applicable

3-During what times did you take advantage of the extended hours?

- a. Midnight-1am
- b. 1-2am
- c. Never

4-What day of the week did you find the extended hours most advantageous?

- a. Sunday
- b. Monday
- c. Tuesday
- d. Wednesday
- e. Thursday

5-How did you use the Reserve Room during extended hours?

- a. Independent Study
- b. Group Study
- c. Reserve materials
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- e. Photocopy
- f. Socializing
- g. Other

6-Would it be beneficial to continue the extended hours program?

- a. Yes
- b. No

7-Would you prefer to see extended hours during:

- a. Entire quarter
- b. Mid terms
- c. Two weeks prior to finals & finals
- d. Finals

8-How many times during Winter quarter did you use the Reserve Room's extended hours?

- a. Never
- b. 1-10
- c. 10-20
- d. 20-30
- e. 30-40
- f. 40+

9-How many times during Spring quarter did you use the Reserve Room's extended hours?

- a. Never
- b. 1-10
- c. 10-20
- d. 20-30
- e. 30-40
- f. 40+

10-How did the presence of University Police Community Service Officers (CSO) improve your sense of safety?

- a. A great deal
- b. Somewhat
- c. Very little

11-Did you use the "walking" escort service during the extended hours?

- a. Yes
- b. No

12-Did the change of the food policy for Reserve Room impact your usage?

- a. A great deal
- b. Somewhat
- c. Very little

13-Would you prefer to make the change of food policy for Reserve Room permanent?

- a. Yes
- b. No

14-How satisfied were you with the room maintenance?

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Satisfied
- c. Somewhat satisfied
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- a. Yes
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Possible products make for great graduation gifts

As a graduating senior, I believe that there is no sweeter gift than the satisfaction that comes from knowing I have diligently and dutifully completed my education at such a prestigious university.

The sweetest part of this sweet gift is knowing that my friends and family members will also soon realize that I have diligently and dutifully received a degree and will shower me with expensive gifts and envelopes full of sweet, sweet cash.

Actually, I don't mind whether or not I get presents; never having homework or finals again is reward enough for me. I have many friends, however, who will be holding up one palm to receive a diploma and the other palm in expectation of some familial monetary benevolence.

I have examined California's current social, economic and political trends to extrapolate the status of the job market in the near future. For those readers of mine who have brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins or children who will graduate in June, I offer my final gift guide:

1) A headlamp. As California's energy crisis continues, businesses will become more inclined to save power by shutting off lights. Unless your graduate plans to work outdoors in some cushy job as a park ranger or gardener, she will face a dim world of shady cubicles and darkened corridors. A headlamp allows your graduate to work in a well-lit environment while keeping both hands free for mindless busy work. As an added bonus, a headlamp comes in handy for exploring underground; it's the perfect accessory for downsized employees who find work as miners, seeking to replenish California's dwindling resources by searching for coal deep within the bowels of the Sierra Nevadas.

2) A pet. Various generic teams of scientists have repeatedly proven that pets relieve stress, lower blood pressure and increase longevity. What better way to celebrate your graduate's accomplishment than by giving him the added responsibility and worry of caring for a small animal? The hours of joy a puppy, kitten, fish or iguana can bring to your graduate will more than make up for the countless lonely nights he spent cramming for exams. As an added bonus, a small bird – like a canary – can double as a "smoke alarm" of sorts; birds' relatively low tolerance for deadly toxins make them more susceptible to the poisonous gases that occasionally seep into mines. A canary's untimely, eerily peaceful death would alert your graduate to the presence of harmful atmospheric chemicals in the shaft, thereby saving his life.

3) A skateboard, bike or wagon. With today's super-inflated gas prices, cars are practically impractical. Some form of natural, exercisally inclined transportation would save your graduate money and would encourage a healthy, active lifestyle. Getting to and from work in a wagon would also help to awaken your graduate's inner child. A red Radio Flyer would probably work best, although a large, boxy wagon – or "cart," if you will – would allow her to recreate thrilling, roller coaster-esque scenes from Indiana Jones movies. As an added bonus, a cart can make the back-breaking work of hauling 16 tons of coal that much easier. Unless your graduate's mine comes equipped with a personal masseuse, she'll appreciate any extra load-carrying capability she can get.

4) A pickaxe. Let's face it. Your graduate is going to become a miner. You must be very proud.

Remember, while your loved graduate toils ceaselessly miles below your feet, he or she will be thinking of you.

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Ugly war deserves pretty monument



With partisan bickering at a high level with the recent defection of Sen. James Jeffords from the Republican Party, President George W. Bush has a tough road ahead of him. However, some issues, believe

Commentary

it or not, aren't – or shouldn't be – partisan. When Bush announced last Monday the signing of a law allowing for the construction of a World War II Memorial in Washington D.C., I found myself nodding my head in agreement. Although the decision's timing was questionable, that didn't make it a bad one.

There has been much controversy over the years over the building of a memorial on the famous National Mall in Washington, centering on spatial issues. The National Coalition to Save Our Mall has concerns that the monument will ruin the "open green space" between the Lincoln Monument and the Washington Memorial on the Mall. The monument would take up a 7.4-acre portion of the Mall – nearly half of the total space.

Concerns are valid; these people are not against the recognition of World War II veterans. It's a matter of priorities. The National Coalition to Save Our Mall wants to make sure the memorial will not "ruin" the National Mall, as if the debate was over converting the Mall into a huge nuclear power plant and not a grand memorial.

Even if the memorial would hurt the Mall's image, it is a ludicrous claim that the landscape of the Mall is more important than the World War II veterans themselves. We're talking about 16 million people who

served for the United States, not to mention the more than 400,000 who died. The memorial will contain granite pillars, bronze wreaths and gold stars, all surrounding a pool, a design which some have described as overly grandiose or even ugly, although it sounds nice to me.

But even if the monument is not as aesthetically pleasing as the open atmosphere – which is unlikely considering the \$160 million budget for the project – it is also true that the war itself wasn't pretty, either. This is why the monument needs to be made in the first place. Honoring those who served our country in this special way is more important than honoring the perceived beauty of the National Mall.

The memorial definitely wouldn't be unprecedented, either. The National Mall already has memorials of former presidents Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as well as memorials for Korean War and Vietnam War veterans. Why World War II veterans would be seen as less important is beyond me.

Politics definitely played a role in Bush's signing of the law, as it always seems to. Nobody should think that it's a coincidence that the law was signed on Memorial Day and in the midst of a \$75 million opening weekend of the film "Pearl Harbor." The timing is akin to signing an anti-flag burn-

ing law on the Fourth of July. It is much more difficult to oppose a memorial such as this when patriotism is so strong; a controversial issue is made to seem less so under that type of circumstances.

Bush was right to sign the law. Many World War II veterans are dying, and there is a sense of urgency that they get paid homage before many more of them pass away. Reservations about details of the memorial aren't more important than the memorial itself.

I'll give precedence to World War II veterans over an open space any day.

Matt Szabo is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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"I have never put a pig down my shirt before!"

Video game takes realistic violence to new levels

Between 40,000 and 60,000 people took part in the protest-turned-riot against the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle on Nov. 30, 1999.

Hundreds of people were injured, 500 people were arrested and damage to local businesses was extensive. To most people, this was a violent, unnecessary tragedy. To Rockstar Games, it is the stuff video games are made of.

Rockstar Games plans to release "State of Emergency" for Playstation 2, which Excite reported to be based on the WTO riot, in the fall. The game has not yet been rated, but the official preview at www.rockstargames.com stated that: "'State of Emergency' is an urban riot game set in the near future, where the oppressive American Trade Organization

(ATO) has declared a State of Emergency ... It is up to you to smash up everything and everyone in order to destabilize the ATO. Use any item available to begin fighting, including pipes, bricks and benches - even dismembered body parts ... State of Emergency is a game for those who have always wondered what it's like to be armed and dangerous in a city gone out of control."

I am guessing that most of the people in this game's impressionable target audience have never been in a city "gone out of control," seeing as how they are probably still in junior high or high school. Playing a stylized video game will never show them the pain and suffering that such situations produce. Paul Hawken, a journalist, happened to be caught in the middle of the WTO riot, and has written about his experi-

ence in several magazines. This is an excerpt from Yes magazine:

"When I was able to open my eyes, I saw lying next to me a young man, 19, maybe 20 at the oldest. He was in shock, twitching and shivering uncontrollably from being teargassed and pepper-sprayed at close range. His burned eyes were tightly closed, and he was panting irregularly. Then he passed out. He went from excruciating pain to unconsciousness on a sidewalk wet from the water that a medic had poured over him to flush his eyes."

This was certainly not an isolated incident. Many people suffered injuries that day, including business owners and innocent bystanders, or as the game calls them, "helpless citizens." ("Helpless citizens driven by a sophisticated virtual sensing system react realistically to violence

by cowering, running away, or calling to the nearest Peacekeeper for help," stated the game preview.) "State of Emergency" cheapens the human experience and shows a complete lack of respect for society as a whole.

In the "State of Emergency" preview, the key aspect of the game is described as: "Hit everybody! Smash everything! (And) Wreck your surroundings by looting stores and bombing cars." The game's characters range from four menacing-looking men to a token young woman with blue hair. Weapons in the game pictures range from large guns to hammers to hockey sticks to petrol bombs. I consider myself a fairly tolerant person when it comes to violence in movies and video games, but this game definitely crosses the line. I can't believe that a company would indulge in such blatant

hypocrisy by releasing such a socially irresponsible game. The masterminds of Rockstar Games are lucky their business wasn't located in downtown Seattle during the actual WTO riots, or the property damage they would have suffered may have them singing a different tune. They probably wouldn't even be able to afford to create "State of Emergency."

They are lucky the man that Hawken observed, writhing in pain on the pavement, wasn't them or someone close to them. However, with the release of a game that promotes brutality and violence as recreation, it may only be a matter of time.

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Letter to the editor

Diversity is just an image at Cal Poly Editor,

Anyone who has been watching university admissions in California in the last six years would notice that the schools are definitely becoming whiter. With this fact in mind, I find the title of the May 30 article, "Poly receives distinc-

tion nationally for diversity," completely absurd. Cal Poly should receive anything but a distinction for diversity. Not only is the title of the article misrepresentative of Cal Poly's student population, but it doesn't even represent the content of the article itself.

Basically, the article described how "Cal Poly ranked 37" on a list that "ranks colleges and universi-

ties awarding the most bachelor's degrees to Hispanics." It describes how several other CSU campuses also received ranking such as San Diego, Chico, Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco. Although the CSU system as a whole did achieve high ranking, the claim in the article's title that Cal Poly has received a "distinction for diversity" simply misrepresents the obvious fact that Cal Poly lacks commitment to diversity.

All anyone has to do is look around at the faces at Cal Poly to

doubt this claim of diversity. The facts are that Cal Poly's undergraduate student population, according to the Institutional Planning and Analysis office in Admissions, is 59.6 percent white, 7.6 percent Asian, 7.6 percent Mexican descent, 3.2 percent other Hispanic, 2.3 percent Filipino, .5 percent Pacific Islander, 1.1 percent Native American, 1.1 percent International and less than 1 percent African American, with 13.3 percent not specifying their ethnicity (These figures have been rounded so they may not add up to 100). The population of African American students has dropped in half from six years ago along with substantial drops in Mexican and Hispanic groups. Asians at Cal Poly are the only minority group that has actually increased with whites comprising about two-thirds of the student population over the last decade.

The article claimed that the "state is very diverse and the CSU system is a reflection of that diversity," but certainly no one could argue that Cal Poly's student population reflects California's population, a state in which now no particular ethnic or racial group makes up the majority.

The truth is that about six years ago after the passage of

Proposition 209, Cal Poly immediately cut back funding for outreach programs as they simultaneously dropped "race" as an admissions factor. I have been told that the reason we lack in our outreach programs is because the school "lacks the funding and faculty." But does Cal Poly really lack the funding or do they lack the commitment?

The one commitment that is evident is to the continued false marketing in our catalogs and brochures suggesting that Cal Poly is a diverse campus. Pictures of minority groups have dominated the covers of pamphlets, brochures and catalogs. The university works harder at creating an image of diversity than actually working to create diversity itself.

The facts are that Cal Poly runs a cheap and efficient admissions process that predominately uses grade point average and SAT scores to make admissions decisions. It's an easy system that most obviously exemplifies this lack of commitment. So as you read headlines boasting Cal Poly's "diversity," just know that what you're actually getting is lip service from a school that really has no intent to make "diversity" a priority.

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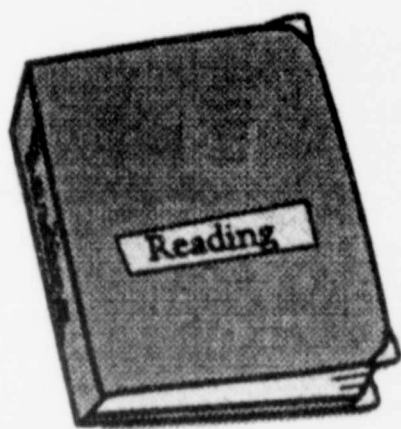
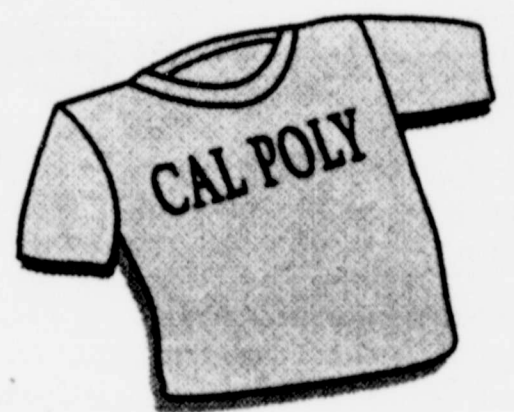
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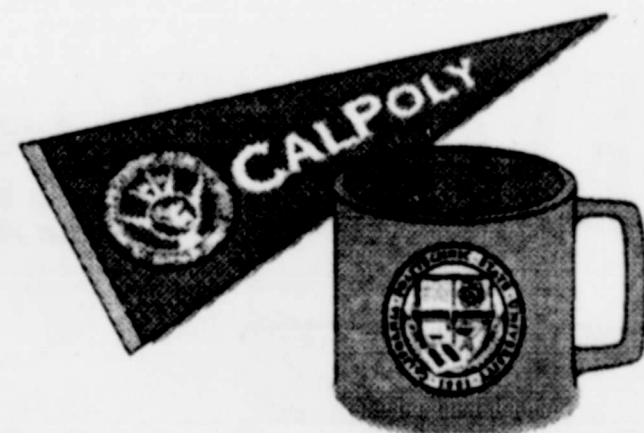
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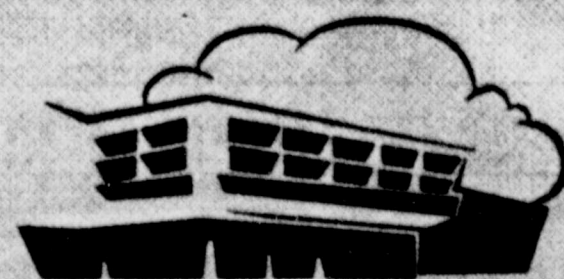
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scenario questions about children who are not cooperative.

"I've had kids who have had ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder), but I've never had problems with them," Lawrence said. "You just have to have patience and enjoy working with them."

Lawrence said the kids are out there for fun and he tries to have exciting drills for them so they don't get bored.

"Parents have been great, and 25 percent of them stay and watch their kids," Lawrence said. "It's always good

to have involved parents."

The instructors need to have a good personality in order to work with children because it makes it easier not only for the children but for the parents. Avakian said they like to make it fun for the children, but they also want to make them strong swimmers.

"We don't make the lessons that competitive because we want the children to enjoy their summer," Avakian said. "All the students play when we have scrimmages and I'm sure it makes the children happy as well as the parents."

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ing to go to extreme lengths in order to prove their physical and strategic superiority.

However, from an outsider's perspective, sports might be even more exciting for the fans if they incorporated more combat-like elements. The closest that society has come to incorporating the "sports as war" concept seems to be the now-defunct XFL.

I never watched the XFL, but in doing research I find myself completely baffled as to why the concept of World Wrestling Federation-endorsed football never caught on. Since I think it is the stupidest sport I've ever heard of, I would have thought it to be wildly popular.

Instead of non-intimidating, unremarkable sports names like the 49ers and the Dodgers, apparently the XFL teams had violent, manly names such as the Demons and the Hitmen. Maybe the problem was that the XFL didn't incorporate enough realistic warfare action.

Exploding footballs, fake

weapons, foxholes and secret booby traps have the potential to become a big hit with people who love both sports and wars. The profitability potential for this idea is endless.

For example, imagine if paintball snipers hiding in trees were added to the PGA tour. The players would not only have to play the time-honored game of golf to the best of their abilities, but play while trying not to get shot. This has the potential to add an unforeseen level of excitement, new betting pools and a larger fan base to the game of golf.

But just don't take my word for it. All one has to do is look at the excitement generated when carnage results from a particularly boisterous hockey game, or a particularly violent tackle occurs during a football game. I may be ignorant and ill-informed when it comes to the finer points of sport strategy, but no one can blame me for being observant.

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classes.

In addition to martial arts, the Rec Center is offering yoga classes.

"I have to continue (yoga) this summer," said business senior Belinda Quezada. "It stretches me, and I know it is going to be much cooler than doing an outdoor sport."

Since yoga is a popular alternative exercise, many places in San Luis Obispo offer classes, including the downtown Yoga Center.

While some students want to keep cool this summer, there's still those few students who want to get dirty and sweaty. Mountain biking provides just this experience.

"This summer I am planning to get scraped up," said Santiago Estivillo, an electrical engineer senior. "I really am looking forward to a summer of mountain biking."

Mountain biking, as well as street biking, are alternative activities that combine the outdoors with exercise. Students who bike to school on a regular basis will have an easier time with this sport. It's possible to take bikes on longer trips during the summer to ride on unexpected terrain.

"I am planning to travel through California and maybe go to Spain," Estivillo said. "There have to be trails and roads that are going to be awesome."

Many students' summer plans don't include sweat and will instead use their vacation to relax. But even while relaxing, playing indoor sports doesn't mean too much physical exertion.

"I know that I am going to be very mellow and just shoot some darts in my room," said business senior Wes West. "I like it, it gets me to be very quiet and concentrate."

From slow games like darts to outdoor biking, the choice lies on what the student is up for.

"It just comes down to what the student wants to do," said Catherine Cramp, assistant director of Rec Sports.

Rice likely headed to Oakland

LOS ALTOS, Calif. (AP) - Jerry Rice could be headed across the Bay.

Rice, who set every significant NFL receiving record during 16 years with the San Francisco 49ers, was released by the team Monday. He soon will sign with the Oakland Raiders, 49ers vice president Bill Walsh said at Rice's charity golf tournament.

But before teeing off at Los Altos Hills Country Club, Rice said he was still deciding between the Raiders and the Seattle Seahawks. Agent Jim Steiner said both teams have submit-

ted contract offers, and Rice plans to make his final choice Monday night.

"We hope to get something done real soon, so I can do what I've been doing over the years," Rice said. "I'm pretty close, and I'm excited about that, because this has been a long, long offseason. I'm ready to bring it to a close right now."

Steiner said Rice's new deal would include a "two-year commitment on both sides' part," though the actual contract may be longer because of salary cap machinations.

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Choices abound for summer recreation

By Byron Samayoa
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Baseball, football and soccer are all sports that are popular in the summer, but for students that are tired of these options, there are many alternatives.

Martial arts are lesser-known sports that offer athletic variety.

"I usually swam every summer and it got kind of boring," said Yadira Sandoval, microbiology senior. "I decided to do something different: Jeet Kun Do."

Jeet Kun Do is a martial art that was created by Bruce Lee and has a popular following among martial arts enthusiasts.

"After doing it I have the same feeling I got when I swam a few hours," Sandoval said. "But now I also get some cool fighting techniques."

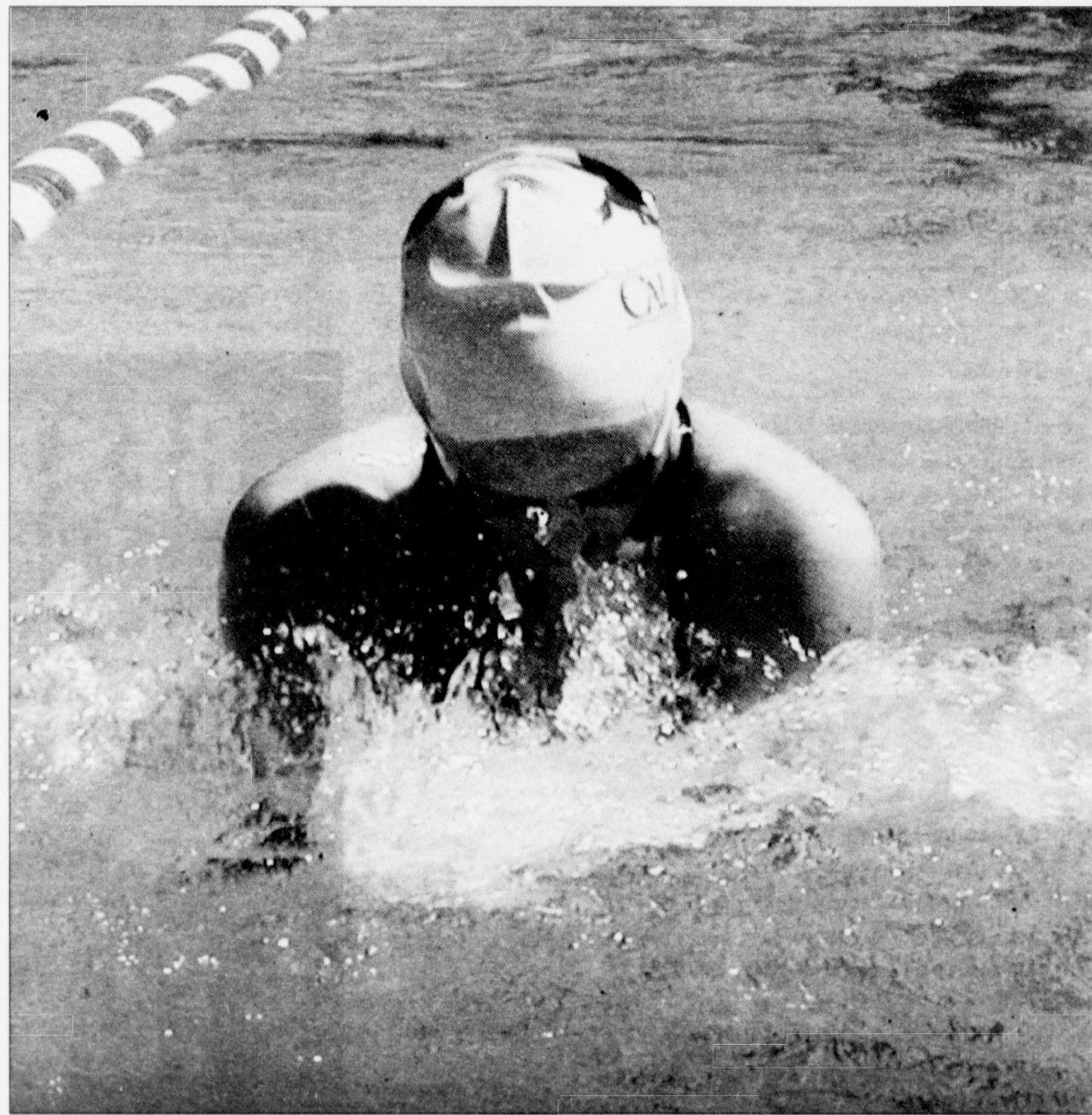
For students staying in San Luis Obispo, the Rec Center will offer a Jeet Kun Do class, along with Capoeira and kickboxing. Capoeira is another popular alternative martial art with roots in Brazil.

"Capoeira is a complex martial art," said Alex Woolery, mechanical engineering junior. "There is always something new to learn."

Taking a class in an unconventional martial art can be a refreshing change for students that are bored with aerobic

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Taking a swim study break



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Kinesiology freshman Jen Demers participates in volunteer training for the Cal Poly swim team Monday afternoon at the Rec Center pool. Athletes have the opportunity to train three days a week.

Too many similarities between war and sports

A large man clad in satin leggings and a loose fitting shirt trots across a freshly cut field of grass. He looks up momentarily as a brown leather object comes flying through the air. He catches it and suddenly takes off running, only to be jumped on by a menagerie of other large men with matching outfits.

To a large proportion of the population, **Kat DeBakker** this is

an extremely exciting event. In fact, this event is so important that it warrants large, boisterous parties featuring kegs of Natural Ice and beer nuts, and multi-million-dollar licensing deals involving sweat-shirts, sweatpants, bottle openers and baby shirts.

To me, this isn't even an event. It is absolutely nothing more than a group of men running around in leggings, stopping periodically to fall down or tackle someone.

It isn't just football, either, that I find myself scratching my head in confusion about. I do not discriminate when it comes to my all-encompassing confusion over sports.

In fact, the more popular the sport, the less I seem to understand it. Tennis, golf, hockey, soccer, basketball, baseball – I can't bring myself to watch any of them. At the risk of sounding sexist, I might say that my inability to understand sports stems from my being female, and being female, the only thing I find more uninteresting than sports are wars. Further reflection on this matter led me to wonder if two of my most vehement dislikes might indeed be related.

Sports are, in effect, a lot like less destructive, heavily commercialized wars. (Although there are exceptions; I do recall seeing a rather large amount of Desert Storm paraphernalia.) In both instances, there are two sides will-

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Players turn tables and teach children

By Adrenna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For most Cal Poly water polo players, getting in the pool brings instant thoughts of battling opponents while hearing instructions shouted by a head coach.

But this summer, the players are trading their competitiveness for teaching as they lead children to understand basic water safety.

Beginning June 25, members of the Cal Poly water polo team will teach swimming classes for children at the Rec Center.

"We've had these lessons for a number of years," said Greg Avakian,

coordinator of aquatics and facilities at the Rec Center. "But for the past two years we've had water polo lessons as well."

The instructors, who are mostly students, are paid to teach the children rescue techniques and fitness swimming. There is also another class that teaches fundamental water polo skills.

"We teach them water safety, such

as rescue breathing and rescue skills," Avakian said. "It's better that the children learn the basics and then go on to the fundamentals."

Avakian said the summer swim lessons give the Cal Poly students a chance to work with children and organize classes.

"I've run the program for the last two years," said Bret Lawrence, captain of the water polo team.

"And I love working with the kids – they're awesome."

Lawrence said he likes having

Avakian assist him when he teaches because his guidance helps him to become a better instructor.

"I really enjoy coaching, and would like to coach high school water polo," Lawrence said.

Avakian said the instructors are paid depending upon what type of job they have. Currently, interviews are going on to fill teaching positions.

"We have an interview process for the instructors and lifeguards," Avakian said. "They have to have knowledge of the sport and know how to manage children."

Avakian said that during the interview process, he gives the instructors

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Bret Lawrence
men's water polo team captain

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